



## Entry Information

### The Ellis Journey 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

### Organised by the De Dion Bouton Club UK

#### Event Information

The De Dion Bouton Club UK cordially invites you to take part in the weekend event starting with the participants **Vehicle Exhibition** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July from noon to 4.00pm at The Norton Park Hotel and the Sunday the re-enactment of the historic 5th July 1895 journey by pioneer automobilist the Hon Evelyn Ellis and recorded by his passenger Mr Frederick Simms. Their route was on the unpaved old London coaching road from Micheldever Station to his home in Datchet which they travelled in contravention of the law in Ellis's newly acquired 1895 Panhard et Levassor Petroleum Motor Carriage at a speed in excess of 4 miles per hour and without an attendant walking in front with a red flag.

This re-enactment is a non-competitive event of approximately 50 miles and is open to *all makes* and types of 2, 3 & 4 wheeled vehicles built up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904. Powered by Petroleum, Spirit, Steam, Electric and including pedal cycles and other horseless mechanical means of road transport with or without motor power.

#### The start and Finish

The oldest and least powerful vehicles will start first from The Norton Park Hotel which is located 3 miles from the original Journey start of Micheldever Station. The first vehicles will leave the hotel at 8.26 am precisely one hour before Evelyn Ellis started and follow the Old London Coaching route as far as practical, arriving at the finish, The Hon Evelyn Ellis's house "Rosenau" (now Woolacombe) before his original finishing time of 5.40pm precisely. Vehicles arriving after 5.40 pm will be classed as non-finishers. Road signage detailed route map and instructions will be provided.

#### Accommodation

The headquarters hotel is the 4 star Norton Park Hotel please book early as we have limited number of rooms reserved at special rate of:

Friday night Bed & Breakfast £120.00 double occupancy per room

Saturday night Bed & Breakfast £140.00 double occupancy per room

Saturday night Group Dinner £30.00 per person

Sunday night Bed & Breakfast £120.00 double occupancy per room

**Important: You are responsible for your own bookings at the hotel and settle your own accounts.**

Please contact Senior Events Co-ordinator Lizzie Batchelor, Norton Park Hotel, Sutton Scotney, Nr Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3NB Tel 01962 763000 Email [nortonparkevents@ghotels.co.uk](mailto:nortonparkevents@ghotels.co.uk) and quote Reference: "The Ellis Journey".

#### Parking for cars and trailers at start

Parking for entered vehicles and trailers is available at the Norton Park Hotel in a designated area (please do not park in the hotel guest's car parks.)

#### Transport & parking for cars & trailers at finish

It is hoped that we will be able to offer overnight parking for cars & trailers close to the finish on Saturday night and offer transport back to the Norton Park Hotel on Saturday afternoon. Depending on our costs and the amount of people wanting to take advantage of this service we may need to make a charge.

#### Details of the event Saturday and Sunday.

**Saturday** afternoon a **Static Participants Vehicles Exhibition** will be held in front of the Hotel in the grounds of the Norton Park Hotel from 12.00 noon – 4.00pm (for visitors information please can you place a board on your vehicle with interesting history and details about your vehicle) this exhibition will be for the public and press to view the vehicles taking part, (this is at no extra cost to the participants).

**Saturday Evening Dinner** a group dinner has been arranged at the Norton Park Hotel at £30.00 per person.



**The Ellis Journey** event is the Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 for the re-enactment of the Hon Evelyn Ellis's Journey from Micheldever Station to Datchet.

#### **The De Dion Bouton Club UK Membership.**

This event is organised by the Dion Bouton Club UK. If you are not already a member it is an advantage if you join before the closing date of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 as you can benefit from a substantial reduction in your entry fee for this event and you will receive a copy of Motorvations, the award winning club magazine. You do not need to own a De Dion Bouton powered vehicle, enthusiast members are very welcome to join, an application form is included with this pack or you can download one from the club's web site [www.dedionboutonclub.co.uk](http://www.dedionboutonclub.co.uk) please return the completed joining form and fees to Nick Pellett at the address shown on the form.

#### **Event Entry Form**

An event entry form is included with this pack please complete all sections Sign and return as soon as possible (**as participant numbers and hotel rooms are limited**) all entries have to be received before closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 with payment and photo of your vehicle to Lawrie Smith at the address shown on the form.

#### **Presentation gifts**

All participants crossing the start line within one hour of the official start time of 8.26am will receive a starter's commemorative gift. Crossing the start line after 9.26 am will be deemed a nonstarter. All participants crossing the finishing line in Datchet before the official Punctual finishing time of 5.40 pm precisely will receive a finisher's medal. All arrivals at the finishing line after 5.40 pm will be deemed as non-finishers.

#### **Event Application rejection**

The De Dion Bouton Club UK reserve the right to reject any application if it is considered that the vehicle being entered was not built up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904 or for any other reason it considers to be so serious to warrant rejection, in this situation the De Dion Bouton Club UK decision is final.

#### **Acknowledgement of the risks of taking part in a non-completive public road event.**

**In the spirit of the friendly nature of the event**, participants agree to hold the organisers and their helpers harmless in all respects and accept responsibility for themselves, their passengers & their vehicles which must be in a roadworthy condition.

Participants must read and understand the entry form and this accompanying Entry Information sheet before signing the entry form.

Only signed Entries Forms will be accepted.